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Applicant: Hyodo et al.

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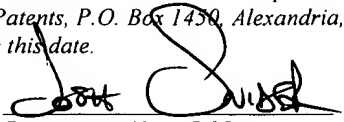
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, please consider the following remarks: